



*ITDI Director Annabelle V. Briones,
PhD. (Photo by: RRUdelaCruz)*

BRIONES IS THE NEW ITDI DIRECTOR

After serving for more than a year as the Officer-in-Charge of the Institute's Office of the Director, Dr. Annabelle V. Briones officially assumes the position of Director of DOST's Industrial Technology Development Institute (ITDI), succeeding Dr. Maria Patricia V. Azanza, whose term as Director ended in December 31, 2017. Dr. Briones was also serving as ITDI's Deputy Director for Research and Development when she became OIC on January 1, 2018. DOST Secretary Fortunato T. dela Peña swore her in on February 21, 2019 at the conference room of the Advanced Device and Materials Testing Laboratory (ADMATEL) in front of the DOST Executive Committee and invited ITDI staff, alongside the new DOST Assistant Secretary for Finance, Maridon O. Sahagun.

She indeed rose from the ranks for the past 35 years, starting out as a Science Research Specialist I at the then National Institute of Science and Technology (NIST) and eventually promoted to Supervising Science Research Specialist and then as Chief Science Research Specialist of the Chemicals and Energy Division (CED).

An expert in both chemistry and engineering, her decades' worth of researches in carrageenan and other pharmaceuticals as well as the development of the mosquito ovi-larvicidal trap has won her and ITDI various accolades within the scientific community, earning her the title of Scientist I in 2018.

Hailing from Balingasag, Misamis Oriental, she graduated with a BS degree in chemistry from Xavier University-Ateneo de Cagayan in Cagayan de Oro City in 1981. Upon graduation, she taught for a year at Don Mariano Marcos Memorial University. After that one-year teaching stint, she entered DOST in 1982 as an on-the-job trainee at NIST and as contractual employee in 1983 at the then National Science and Technology Authority (NSTA) before finally earning permanency at the NIST in 1984 as an SRS I. She also earned her MS degree in chemistry from the University of Santo Tomas and her PhD in engineering from Keio University in Japan.

An outstanding researcher. A brilliant scientist. A strict yet gentle leader. A fabulous and loving wife and mother of three. And now, ITDI Director. Congratulations, Ma'am Annabelle! From your DOST-ITDI family!

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DOST Secretary Fortunato T. dela Peña swears in new ITDI Director Annabelle V. Briones. (Photo by: RRUdelaCruz)